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PATRIOT ACT

A resolution concerning the USA Patriot Act was brought before City Council during last Thursday's meeting (8-12-04). This resolution would have shown the Council as supporting the repeal of all sections of the Patriot Act, many of which have been in our federal laws for a long period of time. By a vote of 7 to 3, Council voted not to support the resolution.

I don't feel that the City Council Chambers are the appropriate venue to take up federal issues like this one. Six of my fellow Council members agreed with me. The public hearing on the issue sparked a lengthy debate. Unfortunately, issues that are the business of the City, including the FY 2005 Budget deliberations, were pushed aside on Thursday to accommodate the public discussion on the Patriot Act. As I stated at the Council meeting, citizen input is very important to elected officials. Since this is a matter that will be decided by our federal legislators, I have encouraged those interested in the issue to contact our United States Congressmen and Senators.



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